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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of June 24, 2005, applicant amends Claims 1, 11, 15, and 20. In addition, applicant amends the paragraph of the specification beginning on line 15 of Page 4 (the first paragraph of the Summary of the Invention) and the paragraph of the specification beginning on line 15 of Page 4 as follows:

Paragraph beginning on line 15 of Page 4 of the specification:

It has been recognized that it would be advantageous to develop a scrapbooking organizer that is convenient to use, provides for light infusion and enhanced visibility of its contents, and is sized to accommodate standard scrapbooking materials, including 12" X 12" sheets. In accordance with the invention an expandable scrapbooking organizer is provided having a closed position and an expanded position, wherein the organizer has a plurality of first expanding pockets configured for holding and protecting 12" X 12" sheets in an unfolded condition when the organizer is in the closed position. The organizer is at least particularly partially translucent and configured such that when the organizer is in the closed position, at least a color aspect of the contents can be perceived through a wall of the organizer.

Paragraph beginning on line 15 of Page 4 of the specification:

Turning now to FIG. 2 and FIG. 3, the organizer 8 is shown in an open position wherein the cover flap 10 is folded back such that individual pockets 12 are exposed. This allows access to the individual products pockets, and the separately closable pocket structures 20, 20 22. The individual pockets 12 comprise as series of pockets configured in an accordion-like file configuration. They are configured to accommodate at least 12" X 12" sheets. Tabs 14 are present at the top of pocket walls 16. The pocket walls are attached to accordion-fold side walls 18. The configuration allows expansion of the pockets. The tabs 14 are configured to accept labels (not shown), which can identify categories of materials to be placed in individual pockets,

or can comprise other indicia, such as colors, letters, numbers, or months of the year, to name a few examples. The front wall 32 of the foremost pocket ~~18~~ 12 carries the pair of small or separately closable pockets. The envelope-like enclosures 20, 22 can be used to hold small items such as die-cut shapes, floppy disks, and/or stickers (not shown), for example. Because the entire folder can be constructed of clear or semi-clear plastic material, one can more easily see what is in the pockets 12 or envelope-like structures 20, 22. In one embodiment, the entire structure can be constructed of a clear plastic material. In another embodiment, at least a portion of the front wall 32, and/or a back wall 34, and pocket walls 16, and the sidewalls 18 and cover flap 10 can be see-through, e.g., transparent or translucent.